

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61F2/06

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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